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TAGS: CASC, SF: (RIBIDA, GEOFFREY)

SUBJECT: AMCIT KILLED IN TANKER ACCIDENT

1. ANTHONY RIBIDA (FSO RTD) HAS INFORMED DEPT THAT HIS SON
GEOFFREY WAS KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT ABOARD THE TANKER SS NEW
YORK ABOUT 1,000 MILES OFF CAPE TOWN ON JANUARY 26.

2. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT SHIP WILL PASS CLOSE TO CAPE TOWN
ON JANUARY 29 AND THAT HIS SON'S BODY AND TWO MEN WHO WERE
INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT WILL BE BROUGHT TO SHORE THERE.
THE INJURED ARE THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN, WHOSE NAME IS FULTON,
AND A SEAMAN NAMED WALLACE.

3. RIBIDA REQUESTS CONGEN ENDEAVOR TO TALK WITH WALLACE
AND FULTON AND ANY OTHER SOURCES WHICH MIGHT SHED LIGHT ON
THE NATURE OF THE ACCIDENT. HE BELIEVES THERE IS SOME
POSSIBILITY OF MAL-FUNCTION IN THE SHIP'S CONTROL SYSTEM
WHICH PERMITTED HIS SON AND THE OTHERS TO ENTER EMPTY
STORAGE TANK WHERE THEY WERE OVERCOME BY FUMES AND FELL TO
THE BOTTOM OF THE TANK. THE US FIRM IMMEDIATELY RESPONSI-
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BLE FOR SHIP, THE INTERNATIONAL OCEAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
IS SENDING OUT A "PORT CAPTAIN", MR. GEORGE GISSELL, WHO
WILL ALSO BE INVESTIGATING THE ACCIDENT.

4. MR. RIBIDA ASSUMES THAT AUTOPSY BEING PERFORMED. IF
ASSUMPTION INCORRECT, HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTS AUTOPSY.
HE ALSO REQUESTS POST FORWARD COPY OF AUTOPSY REPORT WHEN

AVAILABLE AND ALL AVAILABLE INFO RE DEATH OF SON.

5. POST REQUESTED SEND CONFIRMATION OF DEATH TO MR.
RIBIDA, 6621 SULKY LANE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852 (TEL:
303-770-4526) VIA DIRECT RELAY CABLE. CABLE SHOULD
INCLUDE ALL AVAILABLE INFO RE ACCIDENT AND CAUSE OF
DEATH.
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